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ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AND OTHER DECISIONS AND CONCLUSIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Interim arrangements

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the General Assembly resolution 51/180 whereby it approved the interim arrangements for the Conference of the Parties to the CCD and the Secretariat of the Convention;

1. Notes with appreciation the offer of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide the administrative and support arrangements for the Convention Secretariat as contained in documents A/AC.241/44 and A/AC.241/55;

2. Requests the General Assembly, bearing in mind the institutional linkage of the Convention Secretariat to the United Nations and the large number of States including those who are on the list of LDCs that are Parties to the Convention, to decide to finance from the Regular Programme Budget of the United Nations the Conference servicing costs arising from sessions of the Conference of the Parties and subsidiary bodies for the duration of the institutional linkage approved by the Conference of the Parties decision;

3. Requests further the General Assembly to include the second Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the meetings of its subsidiary bodies in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998-1999;

4. Requests also the Secretary-General to appoint, after consultation with the Conference of the Parties through its Bureau, the Head of the Convention Secretariat, with the title of Executive Secretary at the level of Assistant Secretary-General and for a three-year term of office starting on 1 January 1999, on the understanding that the level will be reviewed by the Conference of the Parties at the end of this period and reclassified to the level of D-2;

5. Requests the President of the first Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD to present to the General Assembly the results of its first session held in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997;

6. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to its second session on the implementation of this decision.